

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2238 - HB 2629

March 19, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that persons who commit the offense of first degree murder, second degree murder, especially aggravated kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, especially aggravated robbery, aggravated rape, rape, aggravated sexual battery, aggravated arson, or aggravated child abuse on or after July 1, 1995 may be released after serving 60% of the actual sentence imposed less sentence credits. Current law provides that these persons must serve 100% of the sentence imposed less any sentence credits of no more than 15%.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - FY 03 - \$2,605,400
FY 04 - \$4,268,100
FY 05 - \$5,656,000
FY 06 - \$5,655,500
FY 07 - \$5,778,900
FY 08 - \$6,345,000
FY 09 - \$7,718,500
FY 10 - \$9,141,400
FY 11 - \$10,506,800
FY 12 - \$11,374,100

Other Fiscal Impact - State may be required to reimburse the federal government in the amount of \$6,400,000 for a construction grant under the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing Act.

Estimate indicates the savings in costs for incarceration from the reduction in sentences of persons currently imprisoned for these offenses for the next 10 years. The savings will continue each year and by FY2020, prison population will be reduced by 1,284 offenders with a decrease in state expenditures of \$20,504,400.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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